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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | | MINUS | | X | () X 9.00 () X 18.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | | MINUS | | X | () X 43.00 () X 86.00 | |
| Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for. | | | | () YES () NO | () \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME | |
| | | | | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | \$0.00 |

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☐ A check for \$_____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

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Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced application, and
10 request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the amendments
beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the drawing corrections
provided in the Appendix to this Amendment.

15 **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.